

FIG. 1

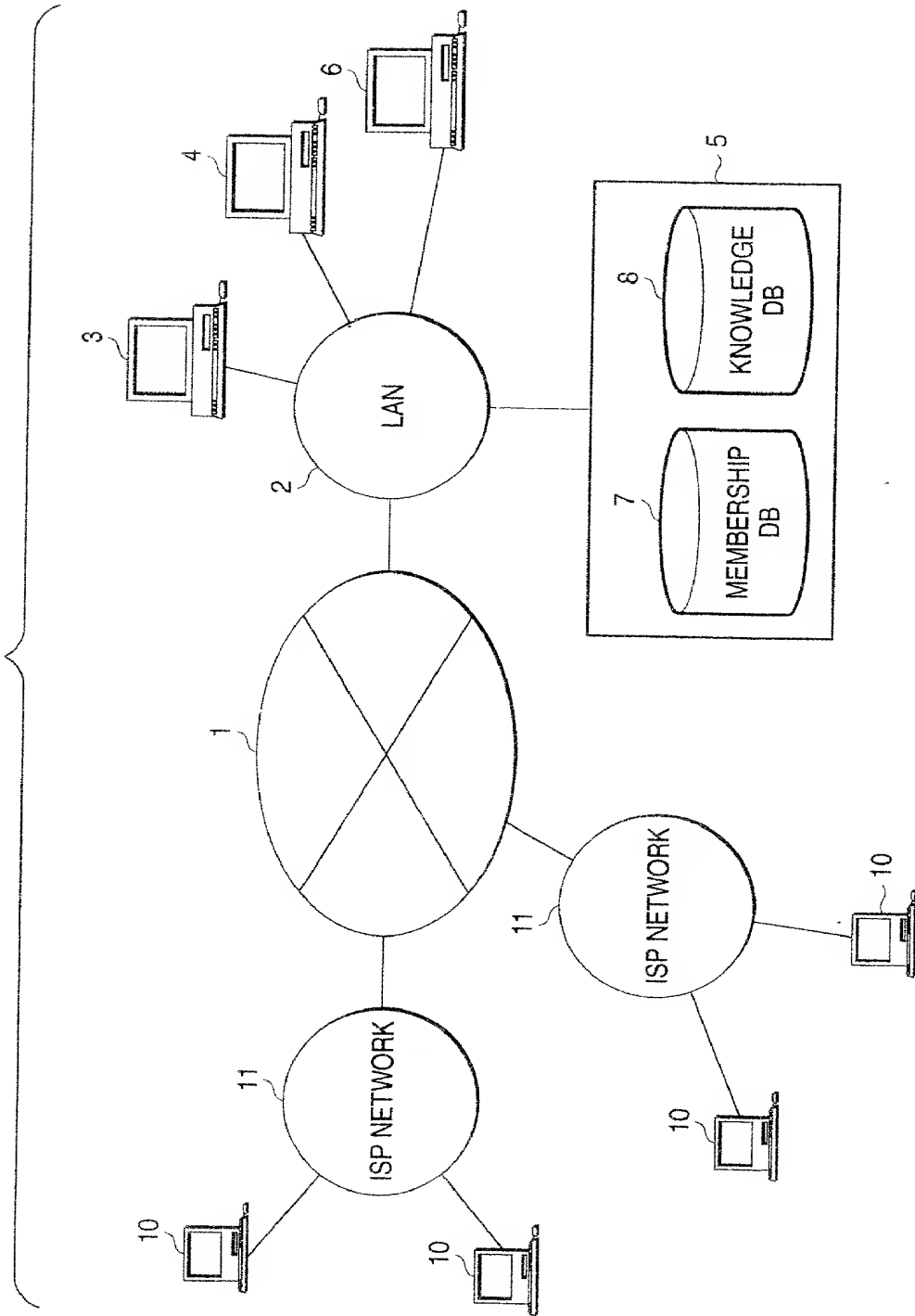


FIG. 2

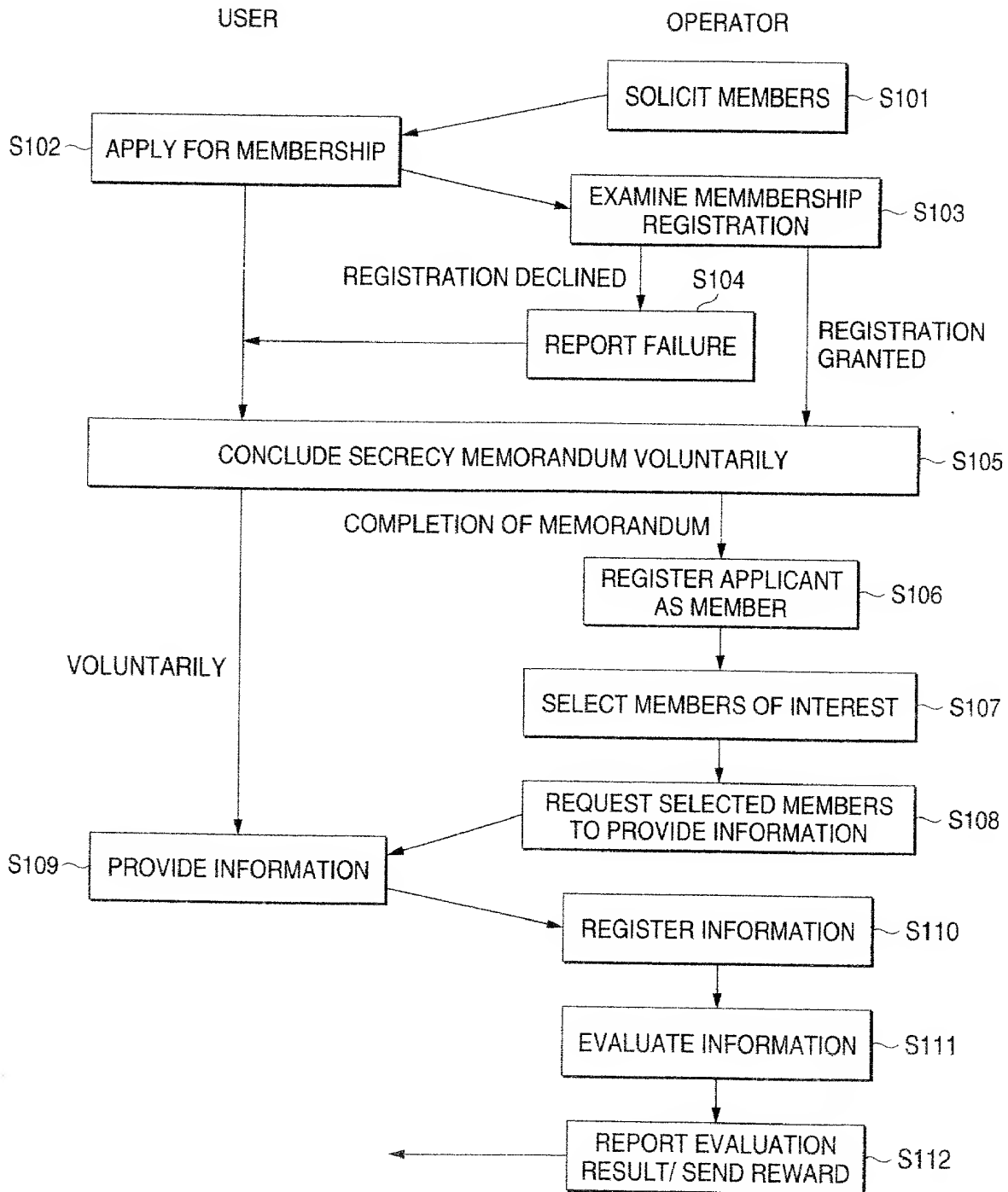


FIG. 3

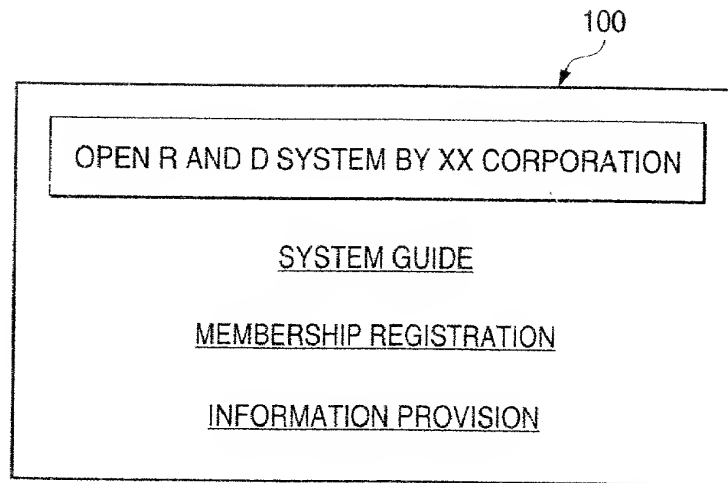


FIG. 4

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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION PAGE

1. FULL OUT BOXES RELATING TO YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION.

NAME: SEX: ▼

DATE OF BIRTH: YEAR: MONTH: DAY: AGE:

ADDRESS: ▼ ▼

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE NO.:

FACSIMILE NO.:

OCCUPATION: ▼

OFFICE NAME:

JOB TITLE:

2. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO YOUR BACKGROUND.

Q1: WHAT IS YOUR SPECIALIZED ENGINEERING FIELD?

☐ MATALLURGY ☐ MECHANICAL SYSTEM ☐ ELECTRICITY ☐ ELECTRONICS

☐ OPTICS ☐ PHYSICS ☐ BIOLOGY ☐ AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

☐ CHEMISTRY ☐ BIOTECHNOLOGY ☐ MANAGEMENT ☐ CONSTRUCTION

☐ ENVIRONMENT ☐ NUCLEAR POWER

☐ OTHER

Q2: HOW MANY YEARS OF R AND D EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE? YEARS

Q3: ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ANY SOCIETY?

☐ YES ☐ NO

SOCIETY NAME:

Q4: HOW MANY PAPERS HAVE YOU PUBLISHED THUS FAR?

Q5: HOW MANY PATENT APPLICATIONS HAVE YOU FILED THUS FAR?

FIG. 5A

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DEAR MR. XX

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR R AND D DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM. HAVING EXAMINED YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR MRMBERSHIP, WE WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER YOU AS A MEMBER.

TO THIS END, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO CONCLUDE A SECRECY MEMORANDUM, AS FOLLOWS:

SECRECY MEMORANDUM

1. XXX CORPORATION ...
- 2.
- 3.

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FIG. 5B

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DEAR MR. XX

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING TO BE MEMBER OF OUR R AND D DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM. HAVING EXAMINED YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR MRMBERSHIP, WE ARE AFRAID THAT WE MUST DECLINE YOUR APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

FIG. 6

The image shows a screenshot of a web browser window. At the top, there are three small square icons. Below them is a row of six buttons: SEND, TRANSFER, PRINT, DELETE, BACK, and NEXT. The main content area displays email metadata: SENDER: web:aster@xx.xxx.co.jp, DATE: XX XX, 2000, ADDRESS: MR. XXX, XXX SECTION, SUBJECT: SOLICIT NEW INFORMATION, and ATTACHED FILE: abc.xyz. Below this is a scrollable box containing a message. The message is titled 'INFORMATION FROM OPEN R AND D SYSTEM BY XX CORPORATION' and is addressed to 'DEAR MEMBERS'. It solicits engineering information from members and provides a technical topic, solicitation number, and a URL for more details. The scrollable box has a vertical scrollbar on the right side with up and down arrow buttons.

SEND TRANSFER PRINT DELETE BACK NEXT

SENDER: web:aster@xx.xxx.co.jp
DATE: XX XX, 2000
ADDRESS: MR. XXX, XXX SECTION
SUBJECT: SOLICIT NEW INFORMATION
ATTACHED FILE: abc.xyz

INFORMATION FROM OPEN R AND D SYSTEM BY XX CORPORATION

DEAR MEMBERS,
WE SOLICIT FROM OUR MEMBERS ENGINEERING INFORMATION
PERTAINING TO THE FOLLOWING TOPIC.

TECHNICAL TOPIC: ...
SOLICITATION NUMBER: 1234-5678

PLEASE SEND US PROMISING INFORMATION BY ACCESSING THE
INFORMATION PROVISION PAGE OF OUR CORPORATION.
<http://www.xxx.co.jp/>
FOR DETAILS OF THE TECHNICAL TOPIC, PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED
FILE.

FIG. 7A

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INFORMATION PROVISION PAGE

** ENTER LOG-IN INFORMATION **

NAME OF MEMBER:

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

PASSWORD:

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FIG. 7B

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** ENTRY OF ENGINEERING INFORMATION **

PROVISION OF INFORMATION ☐ APPLY TO - SOLICITATION NO.

☐ FREE TOPIC

- TECHNICAL FIELD ▼

ENGINEERING INFORMATION

APPENDED FILE:

DEVELOPMENT STATUS: ▼ FEASIBILITY: ▼

INFORMATION: ☐ RELEASED ☐ NOT RELEASED

PATENT APPLICATION: ☐ FILED ☐ NOT FILED

FIG. 8

The image shows a screenshot of a web browser window. At the top, there are six buttons: SEND, TRANSFER, PRINT, DELETE, BACK, and NEXT. Below these buttons is an email header section with the following text: SENDER: web:aster@xx.xxx.co.jp, DATE: xx xx, 2000, ADDRESS: MR. XXX, XXX SECTION, and SUBJECT: INFORMATION EVALUATION RESULT. The main content area is a message body with a title 'INFORMATION FROM OPEN R AND D SYSTEM BY XX CORPORATION' underlined. The message starts with 'DEAR MEMBERS MR. XXX,' followed by a paragraph about engineering information and an evaluation report. It then lists details: EVALUATION RANK: A, REWARD FOR INFORMATION: ¥X,XXX, INFORMATION USE: USE, and REQUEST FROM OUR CORPORATION: DESIRE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN A PROJECT. The message concludes with a request to access the current status of information via a URL and a final URL for formalities.

SEND TRANSFER PRINT DELETE BACK NEXT

SENDER: web:aster@xx.xxx.co.jp
DATE: xx xx, 2000
ADDRESS: MR. XXX, XXX SECTION
SUBJECT: INFORMATION EVALUATION RESULT

INFORMATION FROM OPEN R AND D SYSTEM BY XX CORPORATION

DEAR MEMBERS MR. XXX,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENGINEERING INFORMATION OFFERED
BY YOU ON THE DATE XXX, XXX, XXX, WE PROVIDE YOU WITH AN
EVALUATION REPORT, AS DESCRIBED BELOW.

EVALUATION RANK: A
REWARD FOR INFORMATION: ¥X,XXX
INFORMATION USE: USE
REQUEST FROM OUR CORPORATION: DESIRE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN
A PROJECT

PLEASE REFER TO CURRENT STATUS OF INFORMATION BY ACCESSING.
<http://www.xxx.co.jp/>
IF YOU ACCEPT OUR PROPOSAL, PLEASE CARRY OUT FORMALITIES BY
ACCESSING.
<http://www.xxx.co.jp/>

FIG. 9

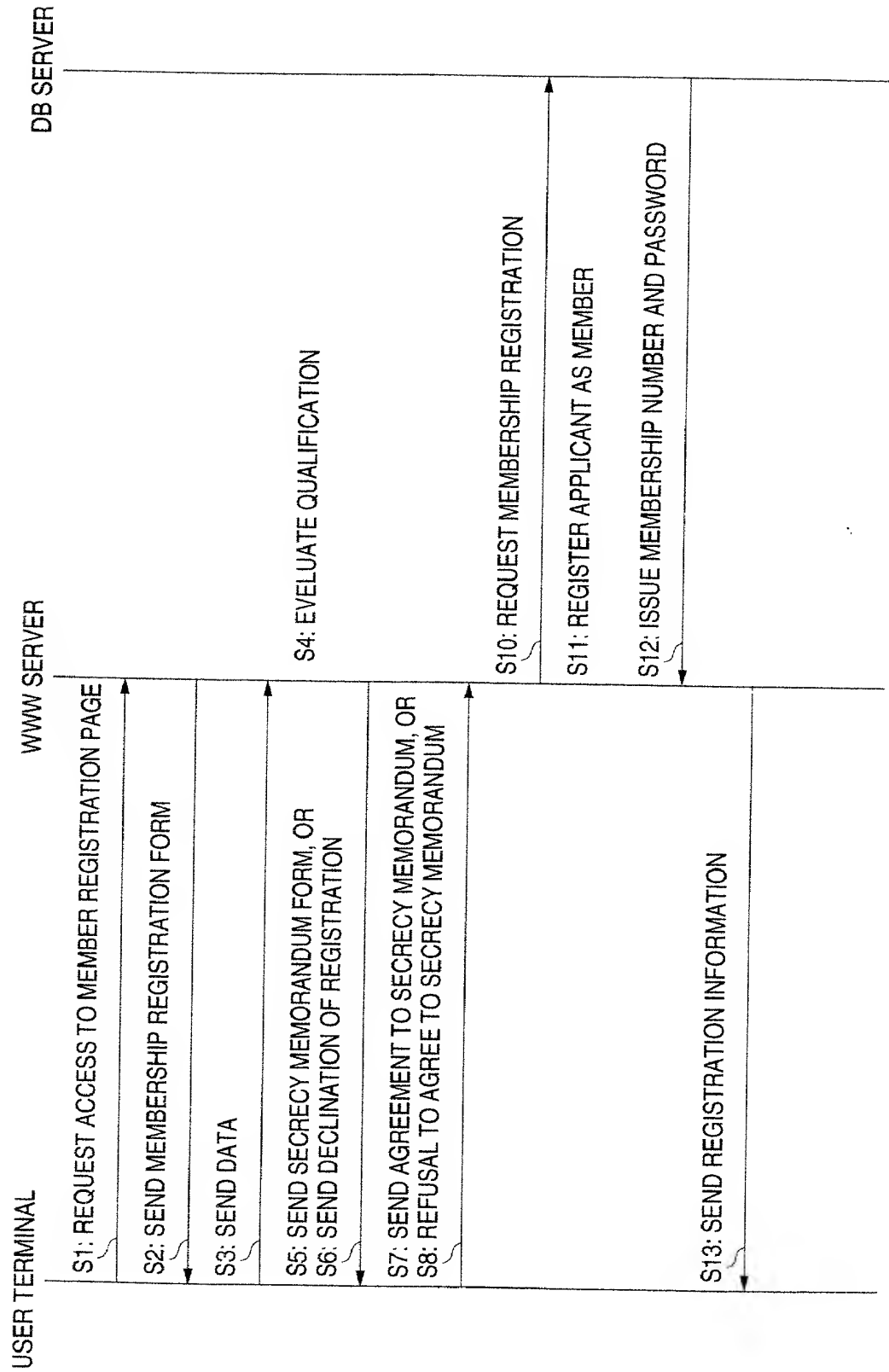


FIG. 10

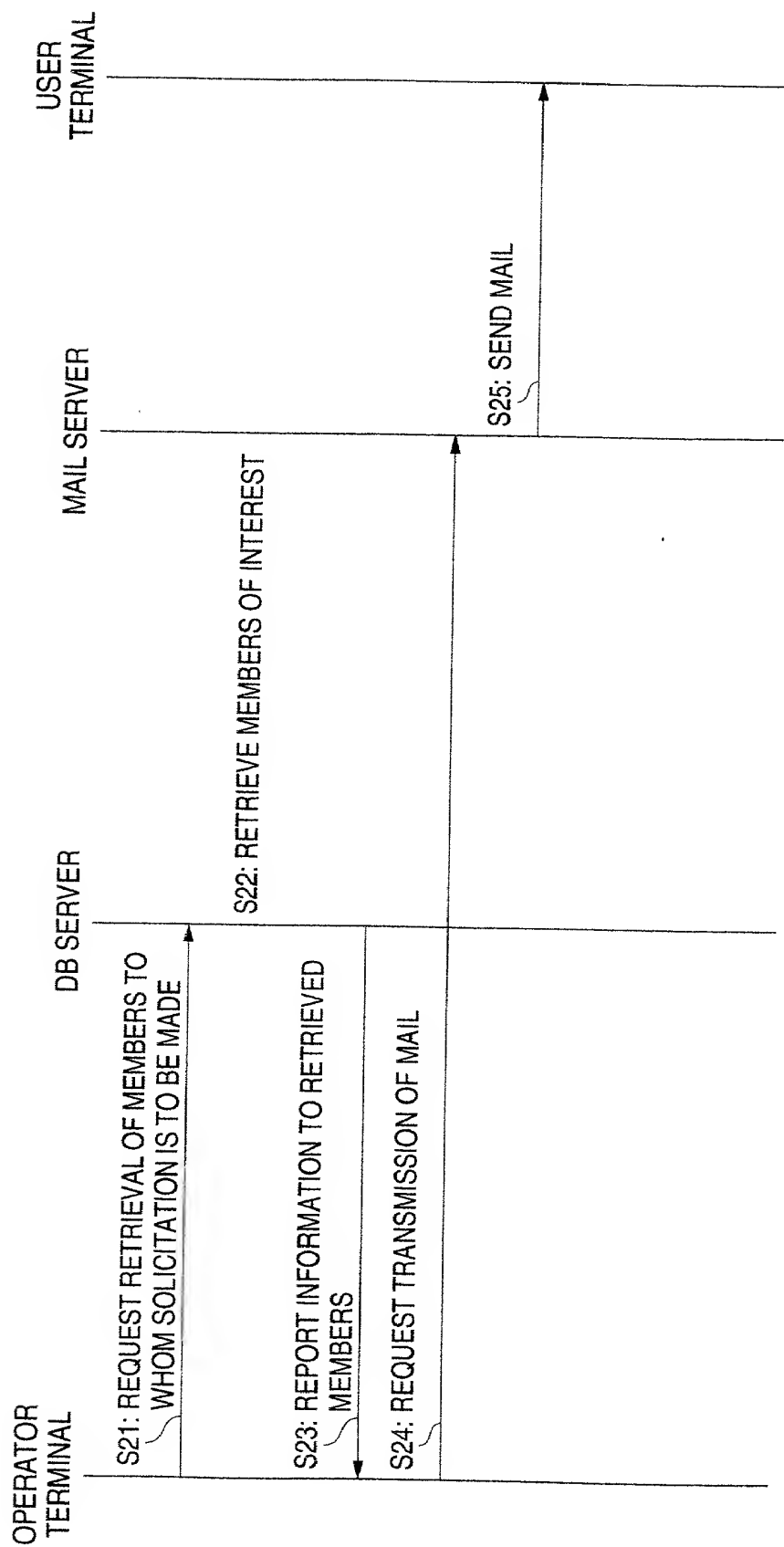


FIG. 11

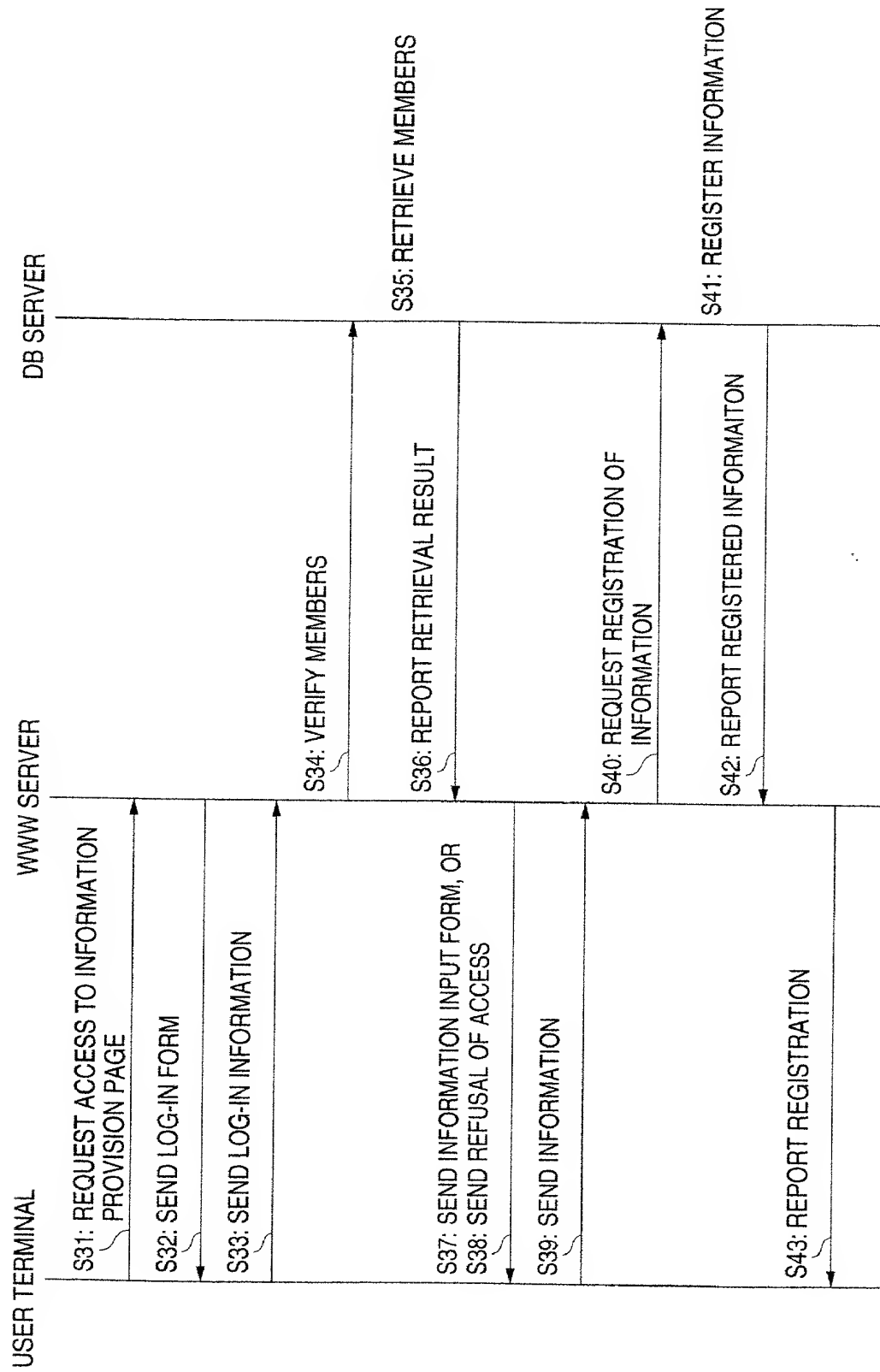


FIG. 12

